COUNCIL
Agenda #___
MEETING OF March 23, 2004



STAFF REPORT

Authorizing the City of Redwood City and their Contractor to Start Construction at 7:00 AM on the Ralston/101 Interchange Project

Honorable Mayor and City Council:

Summary

The City of Redwood City is responsible for the Construction Management of the Ralston Avenue Interchange project. They are requesting the City of Belmont to authorize the City of Redwood City and their contractor to start construction on the Ralston Avenue Interchange at 7:00 AM.

Background and Discussion

The City of Belmont and the City of Redwood City are providing the funding to finance the construction of the Ralston Avenue Interchange. The City of Belmont has entered into an agreement for the City of Redwood City to be responsible for the Construction Management of the project.

Contractors who undertake this type of work typically work between the hours of 7:00 AM and 3:00 PM. These are the hours that the current contractor working on the Auxiliary Lanes south of Ralston Avenue typically works. Most of the construction for the project is within Caltrans' right-of-way and does not fall under the City's Noise Ordinance. The exception is the portion of the project that will connect Island Parkway to Ralston Avenue.

The City of Belmont's Noise Ordinance indicates that no work shall begin before 8:00 AM. One of the exceptions to the Ordinance are Capital Improvement projects if the City Council, at the time of advertising for bids, allows for a construction schedule which would provide for work outside the hours authorized by the Ordinance. Language in our standard contract gives the authority to the Public Works Director to allow work beyond normal working hours for Capital Improvement projects.

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The City of Belmont entered into an agreement with the City of Redwood City to provide the Construction Management of the project and full responsibility to bid the project and retain a contractor. Technically, the Ralston Avenue Interchange project is a Redwood City project and, therefore, would have to comply with our Noise Ordinance for the segment of work that is to be completed within the City limits. The remaining portion of the project is exempt from the Noise Ordinance and the contractor will be working between 7:00 AM and 3:00 PM.

The segment of the project that is located in Belmont is immediately adjacent to Autobahn Motors and the Sports Complex. There will be pile driving in this area and the noise will travel. However, it makes little sense to require a small segment of the overall project comply with the 8:00 AM start time when the remaining portion of the project will be starting at 7:00 AM.

There may be delays to the completion of the project if the City of Belmont requires their segment of work only to occur during the times the Noise Ordinance allows.

City staff is scheduling meetings with the Homeowner's Associations and businesses that may be affected by the construction. In addition, a letter will be sent to all the homeowners on the east side of US 101.

Fiscal Impact

There will be not fiscal impact as the result of City Council taking this action.

Recommendation

It is recommended City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City of Redwood City and their contractor to start construction on the Ralston Interchange Project at 7:00 AM.

Alternatives

- 1. Deny the request
- 2. Refer back to staff for additional information.

Attachments

1. Resolution

Respectfully Submitted,

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RESOLUTION NO. ____

CITY OF BELMONT San Mateo County California

Resolution Authorizing the City of Redwood City and their Contractor to Start Construction at 7:00 AM on the Ralston/101 Interchange Project

WHEREAS, the City of Belmont has entered into an agreement for the City of Redwood City to be responsible for the Construction Management of the project; and,

WHEREAS, one of the exceptions to the Noise Ordinance are Capital Improvement projects if the City Council, at the time of advertising for bids, allows for a construction schedule which would provide for work outside the hours authorized by the Ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, the language in our standard contract gives the authority to the Pubic Works Director to allow work beyond normal working hours for Capital Improvement projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the City Council adopts a resolution authorizing the City of Redwood City and their contractor to start construction at 7:00 AM on the Ralston/101 Interchange Project, City Contract No. 402.

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